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- 11. (U) On December 11, ECOPOLCOUNS and POLOFF delivered Ref A demarche on the "UNGA Plenary Votes on Country-Specific Resolutions" to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Ambassador Ciro Amaury Dargam, Assistant Secretary for International Organizations, replied that it was "nearly certain" that the Dominican Republic would vote yes in the plenary. He noted strong Dominican concern regarding the recent crackdown on pro-democracy protesters in Burma.
- 12. (C) COMMENT: Dargam's comments do not match up with the previous Dominican position, considering that they voted in favor of the no-action motions in the Third Committee. In addition, on November 26, in response to the Charge's expression of concern regarding the Dominicans' vote in the Third Committee, Foreign Minister Morales acknowledged that the GODR had changed in position this year (Ref B). Morales explained that the Dominican Republic had traded Dominican support on human rights resolutions for support for his country's campaign for a seat on the Security Council. Considering that Morales outranks Dargam and that Dargam has only recently become A/S for International Affairs (and therefore may be out of the loop), we believe that the Dominicans are likely to vote no on the country-specific resolutions in the plenary.
- (U) This report and additional information can be found on Embassy Santo Domingo's SIPRNET site, http://www.state.sgov.gov/p/wha/santodomingo/BULLEN